

*Amendments to the Specification*

Kindly amend the title at page 1 as follows:

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RATE AT WHICH A COMPARATOR IN A METASTABLE CONDITION  
TRANSITIONS TO A STEADY STATE

Kindly insert the following new paragraph before BACKGROUND OF THE  
INVENTION:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a division of U.S. Application No. 10/226,165 filed August  
23, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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